

Probation Officer in the Northern District of Florida.

At the request of District Judge William Wilkins, the first Chairman of the U.S. Sentencing Commission, Townley aided the development of the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines. In this position, Townley worked to guide fair criminal sentencing, ensuring just punishment and the safety of his community. Later, Townley served on the Probation Officers Advisory Group to the U.S. Sentencing Commission.

In 1990, Townley was named Supervising U.S. Probation Officer and was promoted 2 years later becoming the Northern District's first Deputy Chief Probation Officer. During his last 8 years of service, Townley held the position of Chief Probation Officer of the Northern District of Florida. To his community, he embodies the epitome of loyalty, as he strove daily to keep danger away from the public.

Madam Speaker, I would like to offer my sincere and heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Stephen Townley on his 30th anniversary in serving the public. For the past 30 years, he has dedicated himself towards helping the residents of Northwest Florida and for that we will be forever grateful. I wish him the best in his retirement.

HONORING COAST GUARD CAPTAIN PETER J. BOYNTON

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor and recognize a committed and respected serviceman, retiring Coast Guard Captain Peter J. Boynton, for his distinguished career.

Captain Boynton has much to be proud of in his 28 year long career with the U.S. Coast Guard. Serving 10 years at sea aboard six different cutters, his experience and commitment is not easily matched; and in June 2004, Boynton accepted the Commander position of the Long Island Sound sector.

As commander, he led 490 active duty military and civilians, 180 uniformed reservists, and 1,800 volunteers with the Coast Guard Auxiliary at 16 operational units. From his command, Captain Boynton oversaw a number of issues and missions involving coastal Connecticut, the Long Island Sound, Long Island, and offshore up to 200 miles. These included life-saving rescues, pollution responses, security enhancements, ice breaking missions, and counter narcotics enforcement operations.

Captain Boynton also served as White House Director of Global Affairs on the National Security Council and at the Department of State as coordinator of international Coast Guard operations. In addition, he has served as Chief of Intelligence for a multi-agency drug task force.

Captain Boynton's successor for the Commander position had this to say: "Captain Boynton has been an outstanding Sector Commander who has selflessly served the people of Connecticut and Long Island for these past 3 years. I understand I have some big shoes to fill following his retirement and I will work my hardest to continue Sector Long Island Sound's track record of exemplary service to the maritime community".

Captain Boynton will retire to Connecticut with his wife Susan, and their three children. Madam Speaker, I thank and congratulate Captain Boynton for his outstanding service and a highly distinguished career. We wish him and his family continued success and a bright future in the years ahead.

IN RECOGNITION OF THOMAS J. SCANLON

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Thomas J. Scanlon as the 2007 recipient of the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Alumni of the Year Award. His ongoing support of the School, as well as commitment to the community, has made him a worthy recipient.

Since his graduation from Cleveland-Marshall in 1963, Tom has dedicated his efforts to making Cleveland-Marshall a premier institution for the study of jurisprudence. He has served as president of the Alumni Association, and currently serves as a member of the Dean's Committee. Tom has also devoted his time and energies to improving the health and vibrancy of the Northeast Ohio community. Tom has served, and still serves, as a trustee for numerous organizations, such as the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, West Side Ecumenical Ministry, and the Irish-American Association, just to name a few.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Thomas J. Scanlon for his tireless dedication to Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and Northeast Ohio. May his service and hard work serve as an example for us all.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CONGRESSMAN PARREN MITCHELL

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I wish to honor the life of Congressman Parren J. Mitchell who died on May 28, 2007. Parren J. Mitchell, was a civil rights leader and a dynamic former U.S. congressman who helped to establish the Congressional Black Caucus. Congressman Mitchell was elected to the House of Representatives from Baltimore in 1970 and was Maryland's first black congressman. This great public leader from the state of Maryland served eight terms before stepping down in 1986.

Born in Baltimore, MD in 1922, Mr. Mitchell was a graduate of Morgan State College and earned a master's degree from the University of Maryland. Mitchell had to sue the then-segregated University of Maryland for admission to the graduate school, and won. Additionally, he served as an officer in the 92nd Infantry Division during World War II, during which time he was wounded and received the Purple Heart. Prior to his election to Congress, Mitchell worked in the administrations of Baltimore mayors Theodore R. McKeldin and Thomas J. D'Alesandro III and Governor J. Millard

Tawes. While active in state politics he was known as a passionate defender of minority and civil rights. Congressman Mitchell was also the brother of the late Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr., who was head of the NAACP's Washington office, and was one of Lyndon Johnson's chief advisors in the civil rights movement.

As a congressman, Mitchell fought for legislation requiring local governments to set aside 10 percent of federal grants to hire minority contractors. Congressman Mitchell was a crusader for minority economic rights and pushed forth to make economic empowerment a reality for minority-owned companies.

Congressman Mitchell dedicated his life to the ideal of public service. He served his country, his community, and his government with the determination and courage that is exemplary of a true public leader. He demonstrated his courage on the battlefield while fighting for democracy abroad and he would utilize that same courage and zeal to fight for equal rights and opportunities for all Americans here in the United States Congress.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Congressman Parren J. Mitchell.

RECOGNIZING SENATOR BOB ROVNER

HON. PATRICK J. MURPHY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Mr. PATRICK J. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Bob Rovner—the 2007 recipient of The Spirit of Life Award from City of Hope. Mr. Rovner is being recognized by this outstanding organization for achievements in his field and his exceptional service to our community.

To be honored by a group with such a noble cause is a great distinction, one for which Mr. Rovner is certainly worthy. For years, City of Hope has been committed to the kind of medical research that has brought hope to millions of people living with a life-threatening disease. Madam Speaker, Bob Rovner represents the type of spirit and dedication that make organizations like City of Hope as successful as they are. He has spent years championing worthy causes, helping to publicly guide our community in a positive direction.

Mr. Rovner has spent his life performing an inspiring array of accomplishments in public service. Mr. Rovner began his career as an assistant district attorney under Sen. ARLEN SPECTER and alongside Gov. Ed Rendell. He was then elected as the youngest ever member of Pennsylvania's State Senate, where he sponsored the Lottery Bill to direct all of lottery's profits to benefit senior citizens. Mr. Rovner went on to a successful business career and became highly involved in the community, serving on the board of trustees for Temple University and hosting several popular radio shows.

Beyond his impressive resume and his reputation for public service, I can say from personal experience that Bob Rovner has affected many lives for the better. Madam Speaker, Mr. Rovner's influence on the community has been undeniable and his continued work will shape the future of our region.